



Express Mailing Label No. EV 381 917 884 US

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 14254.21.3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
)
)
 Graham Nicholson et al.)
)
Serial No. 10/618,833 Art Unit)
) 2881
)
Filed: July 14, 2003)
)
Confirmation No.: 5930)
)
For: CONTAINER FOR NUCLEAR FUEL)
 TRANSPORTATION)
)
Examiner: Jack I. Berman)

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please enter the following remarks in the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1-23 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action provisionally rejected claims 1-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 and 28-40 of co-pending Application No.

10/022,993. In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, enclosed please find a terminal disclaimer which disclaims the terminal portion of the present application that would extend beyond the term of any patent that issues from the '993 application. In view of the terminal disclaimer, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

No other objections or rejections are set forth in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-23 as currently pending.

In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 17 day of June 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana L. Tangren
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 37,246
Customer No. 022913

DLT:dfw
W:\14254\21.3\DFW0000010704V001.DOC